

THE LAST DAYS OF NANKING ARE CLOSE AT HAND

The Enemy Forces are advised to surrender just at noon to-day. Unless it be answered, our forces will make decisive attacks on Nanking.

'Kokumin' Press Dispatch, Shanghai, December 9:

The announcement of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to Shanghai at 7.00 p.m., Dec. 9, 1937: ---

"At noon today, General MATSUI, the Commanding General, throw down from an airplane a note to the commander of Nanking Defence Army advising him to surrender and demanding a reply by noon of the 10th.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE WRITTEN ADVICE TO SURRENDER

The Stronghold is Already Surrounded by Our Troops

Further Combat is Useless

'Kokumin' Press Dispatch, Shanghai, December 9:

Prior to general attacks on Nanking, General MATSUI, the Commanding General, ordered written advice to surrender to be thrown down from airplane at noon Dec. 9, to Tene Sheng-Chin, Commander of the Nanking Defence Army, demanding a reply by midday of 10th, that is, within a 24-hour period. The full text of the note of advice is as follows:

"Japanese forces about 1,000,000 strong have already trampled down the southern area of Chiangsu. The walled city of Nanking is just under our siege. In consideration of the general war situation, further hostilities seem useless. Chienning is the old capital of the middle China and is abundant with famous places and historical spots, such as the mausoleums of Chung-Shan and Emperor Hsiao of the Ming chao Era. It seems to be, so to speak, the quintessence of East Asia's culture.

The Japanese forces will take decisive measures against those who offer resistance, while, on the contrary, they will be generous towards peaceful people and non-resistant Chinese troops. Moreover, it is our ardent desire to protect and preserve East Asia's culture. If your forces desire to continue hostile activities, the walled city of Nanking is, no doubt, destined to meet a frightful calamity of war. The culture of thousand years will be reduced to ashes, and ten years of construction will come to nothing. Accordingly, in the name of the Japanese army, the commanding general does advise you to yield up the walled city of Nanking peacefully and to take such measures as are mentioned below.

Matsui Iwano, the Commanding General
of the Imperial Japanese Army.

The answer to this advice should be received at noon,
Dec. 10, on the sentinel line of Chünyung Street, Chung Shan Road

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If you delegate a responsible person as your representative, the necessary agreements for the occupation of Nanking will be settled there between you and us. If we have no answer within the designated term of time, the Japanese forces will be compelled to commence attacks on the walled city of Nanking.

CERTIFICATE OF SOURCE AND AUTHENTICITY

I, OKADA, Ayauchi, who occupy the post of
Imperial Librarian, her by certify that the document hereto
attached, written in Japanese, consisting of 2 pages
and entitled "The Last Days of Marking are Close at Hand"
is an exact and authorized excerpt from newspaper article
(in the issue of the KOKUMIN Newspaper for December 10, 1937)
in the custody of Japanese Government (Imperial Library).

certified at Tokyo,

on this 4th day of April, 194

OKADA, Ayauchi
(seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were
affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

at the same place,

on this same date

Witness: KAMISHIRO, Takasuke
(seal)

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一投降勧告全文一

敵は正に我包圍下

今後の戦一利なし

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南京總攻撃を前に九日正午松井最高指揮官は南京陸衛司令官唐生智に對し廿四時間の期限を付け十日正午迄に降伏する様飛行機より勸告文を投下せしめたその全文左の如し

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日軍百萬餘に江南を席捲せり、南京城は正に包圍の中に在り、軍局の大勢よりみれば今終の交戦にたゞ百害あつて一利なし、惟ふに江寧の地は中央の雄都にして民國の首都なり、明の隆慶、中山時等古蹟名所翬集し、然る西文化の精華の都あり、日軍は抵抗者に對しては極めて殘虐にして寛恕せざるも無辜の民衆及び無辜なる中國軍隊に對しては寛大を以てし之を犯さず、文明文化に至りては之を保護保存するの熱意あり、而して書畫古蹟を繼續せんとするならば南京は必ずや戰禍を免れ難し、而して千載の文化を灰燼に歸し十年の經營は全く淘汰とならん、仍つて本司令官は日本軍を代表し貴軍に勸告す、即ち南京城を和平裡に開放し而して左記の處置に出てよ

大日本陸軍總司令官 松 井 石 根

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本勸告に對する回答は、十二月十日正午、中山路、句容道上の歩 線に於て受領すべし、若しも貴軍が司令官を代表する責任者を派遣する時は該處に於て本司令官代表者との間に南京城接收に關する必要の協定を遂

行するの準備あり、若しも該指定時間内に何等の回答に接し得ざれば日本軍は已むを得ず、京城攻陥を開始せん

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私ハ「東京毎日」ニ在ルモノナル處茲ニ添付セル日本語ニテ書
カレタル「東京毎日」の「来る」ト題スル新聞記事ハ本館ノ保管ニ係ル照
和十二年十二月十日附録新聞ニ掲載セラレアリ同紙ノ正確ナル拔萃ナ
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於 東京

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帝國圖書館長 岡田 溫

昭和二十二年四月四日

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